## CLAIMS

1. A coating material composition with a gas-barrier property

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which comprises, as essential components, an ethylene-vinyl alcohol copolymer (A) obtained by saponifying an ethylene-vinyl acetate copolymer, an inorganic layered compound (B) and a solvent,

wherein the total amount of (A) and (B) is 1 to 30% by 10 mass and the mass ratio (A)/(B) is (30/70) to (50/50).

2. The coating material composition with a gas-barrier property according to Claim 1

wherein said ethylene-vinyl alcohol copolymer (A) has an ethylene component content of 20 to 60 mole percent and a degree of saponification of a vinyl acetate component of not lower than 95 mole percent.

A process for producing the coating material
composition with a gas-barrier property according to Claim 1 or 2

which comprises the step of mixing the inorganic layered compound (B) in a solution of the ethylene-vinyl alcohol copolymer (A) and dispersing the inorganic layer compound (B) in the above solution under a pressure of not lower than 10 MPa using a high-pressure dispersing device.

4. A gas-barrier composite plastic film or sheet which is obtained by coating at least one side of a plastic film or sheet made of at least one plastic selected from the group consisting of polyolefins, polyesters, polyamides and polystyrenes with the coating material composition with a gas-barrier property according to Claim 1 or 2 to at a coating weight so as to give a dry coat layer thickness of 0.1 to 100 µm.

5. A gas-barrier packaging container which is obtained by shaping the gas-barrier composite plastic film according to Claim 4.

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6. A gas-barrier packaging container which is obtained by shaping the gas-barrier composite plastic sheet according to Claim 4.

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7. A gas-barrier packaging container which is obtained by further coating a plastic container shaped in the form of a tube, tray, cup, box or bottle with the coating material composition with a gas-barrier property according to Claim 1 or 2 at a coating weight so as to give a dry coat thickness of 0.1 to 100 µm.

8. A gas-barrier packaging container

which is formed of a composite layer composed of paper and the gas-barrier composite plastic film or sheet according to Claim 4.

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